

NEWSIN brief

Fatiha-i-Yazdaham today

BSS, Dhaka

Fatiha-i-Yazdaham will be observed across the country today.

Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh has chalked out an elaborate programme on the occasion, said a press release. Fatiha-i-Yazdaham is observed on the eleventh day of the Islamic lunar month of Rabi-u-Sani, commemorating the death of Hazrat Abdul Qadir Jilani (R), a great Islamic scholar.

US embassy closed on New Year's Day

CITY DESK

The US embassy will remain closed on New Year's Day (Monday).

The Consular Section and the American Center with the Archer K Blood American Center Library and the EducationUSA Student Advising Center will also remain closed on the day.

American citizens can call at 5566-2000 for emergency services.

Body recovered in Bagerhat

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Police recovered the body of a man in Amtala area beside Signboard Sharonghola regional highway under Morrelgonj upazila in Bagerhat yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Sohag Khan, 32, son of Ishaq Khan of Boloibuniya village, said police. It was sent to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Maruf Muqtadir passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Maruf Muqtadir, son of artist Abdul Muqtadir, passed away at Labaid Hospital in the capital yesterday morning. He was 35.

Maruf was suffering from acute renal failure associated with pancreatitis.

Having graduated from Brac University, Maruf joined Nilavo Technologies Ltd and worked there as a principal software engineer before his death.

He was the youngest among four sons and daughters of Abdul Muqtadir and Dilara Begum. Maruf left behind his wife Kazi Nadira Helen and their two-year-old son Mukto Muqtadir. He was buried in Azimpur graveyard.

Death anniversary

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Today is the seventh death anniversary of Prof Dr Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury, the founder vice-chancellor of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB).

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, said a press release.



Two public examinations' results today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of two public examinations will be published today.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman will announce the results of Primary and Ebtedai (madrasa) Terminal Examinations for class-V students at a press conference at 1:00pm at his secretariat office in the capital.

On the other hand, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will brief the media on the results of

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International conference on biotechnology starts at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

A two-day "International Conference on Biotechnology in Health and Agriculture (ISBHA 2017)" began at Dhaka University's Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban yesterday.

Global Network of Bangladeshi Biotechnologists (GNOBB) has organised the conference for the third time to promote the translational nature of modern biomedical, pharmaceutical and agricultural research as well as the latest trends of soft skills in biotechnology.

Inaugurating yesterday's session, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman hoped that the conference would feature recent findings from

Export rises, remittance

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The RMMRU report says 35 complaints were filed by deceived migrant workers through online and at the BMET between April and December. However, not a single complaint ended with any solution so far.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The report further says aspirant migrant workers at remote areas largely depend on middlemen for their migration process and also maintain monetary transaction through the middlemen.

As the middlemen are not under the purview of any legal framework, they can escape legal obligations. It recommended bringing them under a "regular framework".

It also mentions irregular migration of Bangladeshi remained a big challenge this year.

RMMRU in the report also lauded BMET for taking initiative to decentralise its service for migrant workers.

It recommended that the government recruit sufficient employees at district manpower offices and enhance their training for a successful decentralisation process.

Migration of Rohingyas from neighbouring Myanmar was also a big challenge this year, the report mentions.

Bumpy ride for SI

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Nasir's two brothers in this regard, he added.

Wahab Miah, additional deputy commissioner (media) of SMP, said, "We are looking into it and legal action will be taken against the sub-inspector, if he is found guilty."

Contacted, Maruf Ahmed told this correspondent yesterday that police should take strict measures and unearth the perpetrators behind the "syndicate".



BNP activists smash plastic chairs during a factional clash with their rivals on Victoria Road in Tangail district town yesterday. They also vandalised their own party office in the area. Tension had been brewing between the two groups for the last few days over formation of the new district unit committee of BNP. Yesterday, the unit was supposed to hold a workers' meeting where those who did not get posts in the new committee and those who resigned from the new committee later on allegedly launched the attack. On May 26, BNP's central committee formed its Tangail district unit with Shamsul Alam Tofa as president and Farhad Iqbal as general secretary.

PHOTO: STAR

Korea provides additional \$1.4m for Rohingyas

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Korea will provide an additional humanitarian aid of US \$ 1.4 million for Rohingyas who moved to Bangladesh after the armed clashes in Rakhine State of Myanmar.

The Korean government's contribution will be delivered through multilateral channels like the UN Children's Fund (Unicef) and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), said a press release yesterday.

Previously in 2017, the South Korean government contributed a combined total of US \$ 2 million to the International Organization for Migration (IOM)'s emergency aid operation and to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) to support Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

The Korean government expects that its donation will help alleviate sufferings and improve living conditions of the Rohingya people.

Free eye camp for poor

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Faraaz Hossain Foundation in collaboration with Distressed Children and Infants International (DCI) of the USA and its Bangladesh chapter Rights and Sight for Children (RSC) organised the day-long camp.

The organisations will arrange more eye camps across the country with a mission to prevent childhood blindness.

The camp -- held in memory of late Prof Dr Syed A Wadud, a renowned Bangladeshi ophthalmologist and a goodwill ambassador of DCI -- was inaugurated by his son and director of Blindness Prevention Programme of DCI Dr Syed Wasim.

Since morning till the afternoon there were long queues of slum dwellers at the camp where the doctors treated nearly 250 eye patients.

Khadiza, 60 years of age, who lined up at the queue with complaints of burning sensation in her eyes, said, "I wasn't sure what to do with it [the problem]. Since eye treatments are expensive, I avoided seeing any doctors... But now volunteers

Demand rings louder for MPO

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teachers are working without any pay, some for more than a decade.

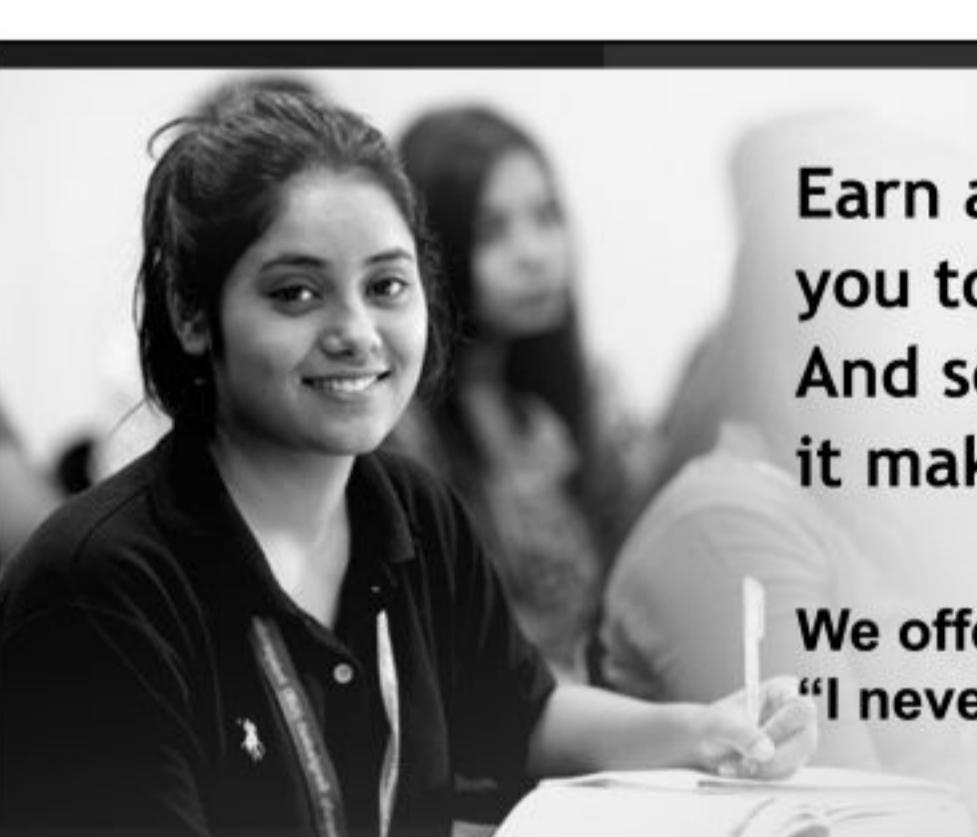
This is because the institutions do not have the ability to pay the teachers while the government stopped bringing these institutions under its payroll for what they said due to a fund crunch.

After a suspension of six years by the then BNP-led alliance government, the Awami League-led government revived the MPO

facility in 2010 as per its electoral pledge, enlisting 1,624 private secondary and higher secondary schools and colleges in the MPO scheme.

The rest of the non-MPO teachers have been organising various protest programmes since then.

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